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Judiciary Committee Updates Milwaukee County Ethics Code *Resolution Passes Unanimously, Moves to Full Board for Vote*

MILWAUKEE – The Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee of the Milwaukee County Board passed a proposed change to the County's ethics code today, amending the code to specify that certain types of solicitations of support for or against the appointments of an elected official are considered unethical.

Supervisors added language to section 9.01(2) of the code, which defines the ethics policy and ethics principles, to specify that the ethical public official or employee should not "improperly use county resources outside of his or her county duties to solicit or provide support for or against an elected county official or an elected county official's appointment."

Additionally, supervisors added language to section 9.05(2) of the code, which defines standards of ethical conduct, to include solicitation of county contractors. The additional language states that "No elected county official, or appointee of an elected county official or county appointee, shall knowingly solicit support or anything of value from a contractor to influence the outcome of an elected county official's appointment."

Another amendment clarified the definition of "solicit" to mean "to seek or plead, to entreat or ask."

The resolution was offered by Supervisor Peggy A. West, and amended by Supervisors Deanna Alexander and West. The committee, chaired by Supervisor Anthony Staskunas, approved the resolution unanimously.

The full text of the original resolution can be found online [here](#). Details of the amendments to the resolution are available from the County's Public Information Manager and will be posted online within 24 hours.

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